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Dear Sir:

In accordance with applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, we are enclosing form PTO-1449 listing information that may be material to the patentability of this application.

Cited in the attached PTO-1449 is U.S. Patent No. 5,931,023. Pursuant to the waiving of the requirement of 37 CFR 1.98 (a)(2)(i), copy of this U.S. reference is not enclosed. However, a copy of the non-U.S. reference is enclosed herewith.

It is applicants' belief that the citations that are listed in the enclosed PTO-1449 Form do not describe that, which is claimed, in the present invention.

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Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and that this application be passed to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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	5,931,023	8/3/99	Brach et al.	66	136	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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